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## **Heating Oil Reduction Goals Tied to Recent Energy Legislation**

Augusta--- The Governor's Office of Energy Independence and Security (OEIS) conducted its seasonal oil survey and found that the current statewide average cash price for No. 2 heating oil to be at **\$2.73 per gallon**, down two cents from last week.

"Oil prices fell last week as concerns about the debt crisis and economic recovery in Europe continued" said OEIS Director John Kerry. "On May 11, Governor Baldacci took another step toward reducing Maine's dependence on fossil fuels to heat our homes by signing five key pieces of energy legislation. These bills are intended to help kick our oil habit by augmenting Maine's aggressive energy efficiency and conservation goals and increasing the use of clean, indigenous renewable energy."

*As of May 17, 2010*

<b>Heating Oil</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Eastern</b>	<b>Western</b>	<b>Northern</b>
Average	2.73	2.62	2.77	2.81	2.66	2.87
High	2.90	2.80	2.85	2.90	2.80	2.90
Low	2.43	2.43	2.67	2.70	2.47	2.79
<b>Kerosene</b>	3.10	2.99	3.16	3.16	2.99	3.26
<b>Propane</b>	2.68					

It is important to note that the price for heating oil is a statewide average and that prices in a given geographic region of the state may be considerably higher or lower than the statewide average. Within the OEIS sample, the lowest actual heating oil price of \$2.43 per gallon was found in the Southwest region. The highest price of \$2.90 per gallon was found in the Eastern region. The statewide kerosene price average is \$3.10 per gallon at this time. The statewide average for propane based on a use of 600 gallons a year is \$2.68 per gallon. The table above provides current Maine cash prices in dollars rounded to the nearest penny. At the time of this release the price of WTI crude oil, major driver of refined product prices, including heating oil was \$71.33.

For assistance please contact Efficiency Maine and ask about their Home Energy Savings Program. It links Maine homeowners with qualified, certified contractors who provide one-stop-shop access to a whole-house approach to home improvements. The first 4,000 **pre-approved** homes in the program will receive up to \$3,000 each in incentives for approved energy-efficiency projects that meet minimum heating and hot water energy savings requirements. For program details call 877-334-6583 or visit [www.efficiencymaine.com](http://www.efficiencymaine.com). Businesses should take advantage of Efficiency Maine's small business loan program to make energy upgrades: [http://www.efficiencymaine.com/business\\_programs.htm](http://www.efficiencymaine.com/business_programs.htm).